

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A process for replacing a first soft-top of a convertible-top of a motor vehicle with a second soft-top, comprising the steps of:

5           removing the first soft-top from the convertible-top;  
          separating the first soft-top from a headliner of the convertible-top;  
          selecting the second soft-top having a window larger than a window of  
the first soft-top;  
          fixing a plurality of receptacles to an edge of the larger window;  
10          attaching the second soft-top to the motor vehicle; and  
          connecting the larger window directly to the headliner by engaging  
headliner anchors with the receptacles fixed to the larger window.

15          2. The process of claim 1, wherein the fixing step includes the step of  
aligning the receptacles with the headliner anchors.

3. The process of claim 2, wherein the aligning step includes the step  
of aligning a pocket of each receptacle with a respective one of the anchors.

20          4. The process of claim 1, wherein the fixing step includes the step of  
integrally forming the receptacles with the larger window.

5. The process of claim 1, wherein the fixing step includes the step of  
adhering the receptacles to the larger window.

25          6. The process of claim 1, wherein the selecting step includes the step  
of selecting the larger window and securing the larger window to the second  
soft-top.

7. The process of claim 1, wherein the connecting step includes the step of mechanically connecting the receptacles and anchors utilizing a plurality of fasteners.

5                   8. The process of claim 7, wherein each fastener comprises a flexible clip for gripping and elastically retaining the anchor within a pocket of the respective receptacle.

10                  9. The process of claim 7, wherein each fastener comprises a threaded shaft for matingly engaging a threaded pocket of the respective receptacle.

15                  10. The process of claim 7, wherein each anchor includes a base connected to the headliner and an inverted U-shaped bar connected to the base, and each fastener includes a flexible clip for hooking a respective anchor; wherein free ends of the clip are frictionally retained within a pocket of the receptacle.

20                  11. A process for replacing a first soft-top of a convertible-top of a motor vehicle with a second soft-top, comprising the steps of:  
                    removing the first soft-top from the convertible-top;  
                    separating the first soft-top from a headliner of the convertible-top;  
                    selecting the second soft-top having a window larger than a window of the first soft-top;  
25                  fixing a plurality of receptacles to an edge of the larger window;  
                    attaching the second soft-top to the motor vehicle; and  
                    connecting the larger window directly to the headliner by engaging headliner anchors with the receptacles fixed to the larger window; wherein the fixing step includes the step of aligning the receptacles with the headliner  
30                  anchors, and the connecting step includes the step of mechanically connecting the receptacles and anchors utilizing a plurality of fasteners.

12. The process of claim 11, wherein the aligning step includes the step of aligning a pocket of each receptacle with a respective one of the anchors.

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13. The process of claim 11, wherein the fixing step includes the step of integrally forming the receptacles with the larger window.

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14. The process of claim 11, wherein the fixing step includes the step of adhering the receptacles to the larger window.

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15. The process of claim 11, wherein the selecting step includes the step of selecting the larger window and securing the larger window to the second soft-top.

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16. The process of claim 11, wherein each fastener comprises a flexible clip for gripping and elastically retaining the anchor within a pocket of the respective receptacle.

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17. The process of claim 11, wherein each fastener comprises a threaded shaft for matingly engaging a threaded pocket of the respective receptacle.

18. The process of claim 11, wherein each anchor includes a base connected to the headliner and an inverted U-shaped bar connected to the base, and each fastener includes a flexible clip for hooking a respective anchor; wherein free ends of the clip are frictionally retained within a pocket of the receptacle.

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19. A process for replacing a first soft-top of a convertible-top of a motor vehicle with a second soft-top, comprising the steps of:

removing the first soft-top from the convertible-top;

separating the first soft-top from a headliner of the convertible-top;  
selecting the second soft-top having a window larger than a window of  
the first soft-top;

fixing a plurality of receptacles to an edge of the larger window;

5 attaching the second soft-top to the motor vehicle; and

connecting the larger window directly to the headliner by engaging  
headliner anchors with the receptacles fixed to the larger window; wherein the  
fixing step includes the step of aligning a pocket of each receptacle with a  
respective one of the headliner anchors, the selecting step includes the step of  
10 selecting the larger window and securing the larger window to the second soft-  
top, and the connecting step includes the step of mechanically connecting the  
receptacles and anchors utilizing a plurality of fasteners; each fastener  
comprising a flexible clip for hooking, gripping and elastically retaining a  
respective anchor within a pocket of the respective receptacle with free ends of  
15 the clip frictionally retained within the pocket, and each anchor includes a base  
connected to the headliner and an inverted U-shaped bar connected to the  
base.

20 20. The process of claim 19, wherein the fixing step includes the step  
of integrally forming the receptacles with the larger window.

21. The process of claim 19, wherein the fixing step includes the step  
of adhering the receptacles to the larger window.